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Addendum

Proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017

(*Item 3 (b)*)

Programme 12
Human settlements

1. At its 16th meeting, on 11 June 2014, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 12, Human settlements, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017 (A/69/6 (Prog. 12)).

2. The Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Support was expressed for programme 12, Human settlements, of the biennial programme plan for 2016-2017, and appreciation was expressed in respect of the benefits for Member States of the implementation of this programme.

4. Delegations noted the degree of consultations between UN-Habitat and the Committee of Permanent Representatives in preparing the proposed biennial programme plan for 2016-2017 and in proposing changes in various paragraphs under "Overall orientation", in particular the addition of paragraph 12.22, which highlighted the support for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III), scheduled to take place in 2016. In

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this respect, some delegations sought clarification on the use of the title "New Urban Agenda" for the outcome document of Habitat III.

5. Questions were raised concerning the intensity of the implementation of the approved strategic framework for 2014-2015 in the context of the current financial difficulties faced by UN-Habitat.

6. The view was expressed that the use of the matrix structure in which each subprogramme was cross-referenced with all regional offices to implement the programme of work was an innovative approach. Some delegations sought clarification on the implementation of the human settlements programme by the regional offices of UN-Habitat within the United Nations Development Assistance Framework. In this context, clarification was also sought and provided on the use of the term "where possible" in paragraph 12.18.

7. Some delegations noted the changes in paragraph 12.20 compared with the relevant paragraphs in the report of the Secretary-General on consolidated changes to the biennial programme plan as reflected in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/68/75). They expressed their views on mainstreaming the cross-cutting issues, namely, youth, human rights and climate change, throughout the human settlements programme and requested information on the cooperation and collaboration of UN-Habitat with other United Nations organizations in executing its programme of work. In this regard, questions were also raised concerning the mandate of UN-Habitat in addressing the issues of young people.

8. With regard to the nature and scope of work of UN-Habitat in the areas related to urban safety as mentioned in expected accomplishment (c) and indicator of achievements (c) (i) and (ii) under subprogramme 1, Urban legislation, land and governance, information was requested on the cooperation and collaboration of UN-Habitat with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC); how synergies were created between them as a result of such collaboration; and the mandate of UN-Habitat in the area of drugs and crime issues.

9. Some delegations sought and were provided with clarification on the relationship between expected accomplishment (b) and indicator of achievement (b) under subprogramme 1. In addition, clarifications were also sought and provided on paragraph 12.24 (b) of the strategy for this subprogramme.

10. Some delegations sought clarifications on the terms "the international guidelines on decentralization and the guidelines on access to basic services for all", mentioned in paragraph 12.27 (a) under subprogramme 4, Urban basic services; on the definition of the term "partner countries" as used in several expected accomplishments and related indicators of achievement under subprogramme 5, Housing and slum upgrading; and on the work of UN-Habitat with the Habitat University Network Initiative, the Korea IUTC project, the Cities Alliance Dissemination Strategy for the Quick Guides on Housing the Poor in Africa, as mentioned in paragraph 12.30 (c) under subprogramme 7, Research and capacity development.

11. Some delegations sought and were provided with clarifications on measures undertaken by UN-Habitat to strengthen results-based management, particularly with regard to the evaluations undertaken on three levels, namely, corporate

evaluations, programme and project evaluations, and self-evaluations as indicated in paragraph 12.21.

12. Some delegations noted that the strategic direction of UN-Habitat would change once the post-2015 development agenda was approved by the General Assembly and the outcome of Habitat III was agreed upon.

13. The view was expressed that the objective of subprogramme 5, Housing and slum upgrading, was unclear in comparison with that of the same subprogramme in the biennial programme plan and priorities for 2014-2015. Clarifications were requested on the definition of the concept of "sustainable and adequate housing".

14. It was pointed out that the concept of socially inclusive and climate-resilient cities, although mentioned in the objective of subprogramme 2, Urban planning and design, was not reflected in any of the related expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement. Similarly, it was pointed out that the term "inclusive economic development" had been replaced by "inclusive economic growth" in the objective of subprogramme 3, Urban economy.

15. Questions were raised concerning the formulation of indicators of achievement (c) (i) and (ii) in subprogramme 5, Housing and slum upgrading, which refer to domestic policies of the partner countries. In this regard, clarifications were sought on the linkage of the work of UN-Habitat to those domestic policies. In addition, a question was raised concerning the deletion of indicator of achievement (b) (ii) under subprogramme 6, Risk reduction and rehabilitation, which was included in the current biennial programme plan for 2014-2015 as reflected in the report of the Secretary-General on consolidated changes to the biennial programme plan as reflected in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/68/75).

Conclusions and recommendations

16. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of Programme 12, Human settlements, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017, subject to the following modifications:**

Overall orientation

Paragraph 12.13

Add the words "and productive" after the word "decent".

Paragraph 12.21

Add the words ", as adopted by the General Assembly" after the words "the conclusions and recommendations of the sessions of the World Urban Forum".

Paragraph 12.22

Replace the first sentence with the following: "Acting as the Habitat III secretariat, UN-Habitat will provide substantive support to intergovernmental negotiations on the outcome document of Habitat III, to be entitled, if

agreed by Member states, 'New Urban Agenda', at both the regional and global levels."

Delete the words ", entitled 'New Urban Agenda' from the end of the last sentence.

Subprogramme 1
Urban legislation, land and governance

Strategy

Paragraph 12.24

In paragraph 12.24 (d), delete the words "as assets and agents of change".

Subprogramme 2
Urban planning and design

Objective of the Organization

Replace the objective of the Organization with the following: "To improve policies, plans and designs for more compact, socially inclusive, better integrated and connected cities that foster sustainable urban development and are resilient to climate change."

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

Replace expected accomplishment (a) with the following: "Improved national urban policies or spatial frameworks for compact, integrated and connected, socially inclusive cities adopted by partner metropolitan, regional and national authorities".

Replace expected accomplishment (b) with the following: "Improved policies, plans and designs for compact, integrated and connected, socially inclusive cities and neighbourhoods adopted by partner cities".

Indicators of achievement

Replace indicator of achievement (a) with the following: "Increased number of partner metropolitan, regional and national authorities that have adopted national urban policies or spatial frameworks that support compact, integrated and connected, socially inclusive cities".

Replace indicator of achievement (b) with the following: "Increased number of partner cities that have adopted and implemented policies, plans or designs for compact, integrated and connected, socially inclusive cities and neighbourhoods."

In indicator of achievement (c), add the words "and implemented" after the word "adopted".

Subprogramme 3
Urban economy

Objective of the Organization

Replace the objective of the Organization with the following: "To improve urban strategies and policies that promote inclusive economic development, sustainable livelihoods and enhanced municipal finance."

Indicators of achievement

In indicator of achievement (b), add the following at the end: "displaced populations, the disabled community and other vulnerable populations".

Subprogramme 4
Urban basic services

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

In expected accomplishment (a), add the word "partner" before the words "local, regional and national authorities".

Indicators of achievement

In indicator of achievement (b), add the words "and impact" after the word "amount".

Subprogramme 5
Housing and slum upgrading

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

In expected accomplishment (c), add the words "advocate on their own behalf and" after the words "Enhanced capacity of slum communities to" and before the words "partner with national and local authorities".

Indicators of achievement

Replace indicator of achievement (c) (i) with the following: "Increased community representation in coordinating bodies of partner countries, such as the national Habitat committees".

Replace indicator of achievement (c) (ii) with the following: "Increased number of communities in partner countries that are empowered to lead and implement initiatives".

Strategy

Paragraph 12.28

Replace paragraph 12.28 (c) with the following: "UN-Habitat will cooperate with partner national authorities in facilitating the participation of slum communities in relevant coordinating bodies in this area, such as the national Habitat committees. Furthermore, UN-Habitat will enhance its cooperation with local, regional and national partners with the purpose of increasing ownership of all actors aimed at sustaining

continued efforts, the upscaling of housing and slum upgrading and prevention initiatives."

Subprogramme 6
Risk reduction and rehabilitation

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

In expected accomplishment (c), add the words "and related infrastructure" after the word "shelter".